

LARBERT STENHOUSEMUIR AND TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AGM - 24 September 2008 IN THE TRYST COMMUNITY CENTRE, STENHOUSEMUIR

1. Attendance Details

Committee:

- Charles Ambrose
- Evelyn Crosbie
- Marguerite O'Rourke
- Bill Robertson
- John Silvers
- Denis Shovlin
- Yvonne Weir

Also Present:

- Councillors Carleschi
- PC Elaine Wond
- 6 members of the public

Apologies

- Councillors Coleman, MacDonald and Martin
- Pat Devlin
- David McLeod
- Frank McChord
- Chief Inspector Beaton

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- CA welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced PC Wond who is the Community Police Officer for the Larbert and Torwood area.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The previous minutes were approved.
- It was noted that a number of Community Councillors had not been receiving copies of the agendas or minutes of meetings from Falkirk Council.

Action: YW to contact Falkirk Council to confirm correct mailing list in place.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- Page 1 - Item 3 - YW advised she had now written to Falkirk Council about HGV usage on Tryst Road.
- Page 1 - Item 3 - EC advised she had located the consultation "Safeguarding out Rural Schools and Improving School Consultations Procedures".
- Page 2 - In/08/196 - Falkirk Council - Housing Allocations Policy - DS advised he had completed the response and passed to YW to send to Falkirk Council.
- Page 3 - McLaren Park - CA advised he had e-mailed the Co-Operative re the

transfer of funding but had not yet received a response.

- Page 4 - AOCB - YW advised she had still to issue invites to November and January meetings for Smarter Choices, Smarter Places project and for the Communities Along the Carron project.
- Page 4 - AOCB - YW advised she had not received a response from Mr Williamson.

4. REPORTS FOR 2008

- Convener's Report - CA read the highlights for the report and offered to take questions under AOCB.
- Secretary's Report - YW read highlights from the Secretary's report.
- Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's Report was circulated in the absence of PD.

5. Election of Officers

- Following discussion, JS proposed that the officers of the Community Council remain unchanged. This was Seconded by MO'R. The re-elected officers were as follows:
 - Convener - Charles Ambrose
 - Vice Convener - Evelyn Crosbie
 - Secretary - Yvonne Weir
 - Treasurer - Pat Devlin
 - Planning Officer - Bill Robertson
 - Area Forum Representative - Denis Shovlin
- It was agreed that YW would write to Falkirk Council to ascertain the process and timetable for the next election of the Community Council.

Action: YW to write to Falkirk Council re election process for Community Councils.

6. Police Report

- PC Wond provided an update on local policing issues.
- She outlined the success and good results of the Stop the Supply Campaign which is targeting sales of alcohol to under 21s. The campaign is currently being reviewed.
- PC Wond urged calls to come in particularly around hot spots for youth problems.

7. Correspondence Report

- YW apologised for not circulating the correspondence report which will be distributed with the papers for the next meeting. YW then highlighted the key items which required to be actioned/discussed that were not considered elsewhere on the agenda:
- In/08/235 - Falkirk Council - Invitation to event 20 September to discuss Scottish

Government consultation event on Town Centres & Local High Streets - BR attended - information provided under reports.

- In/08/236 - Laing O'Rourke - Invitation to Resident's evening for new hospital - YW & BR attended.
- In/08/237 - ASCC - Mick McIntosh - Request to share information on community projects, youth crime, anti-social behaviour etc. It was agreed that CC minutes are already provided on-line for all to view and other CCs should be encouraged to do same.
- In/08/238/240/243/247/253/254/255/257/262/269/271/273/275/276/277/278 and Out/08/72/74/84/85/86/88/89- Items related to M876 slip roads. Given forthcoming inquiry a range of items had been received and issued. It was noted that the Community Council's Statement of Case and Precognitions had been submitted. It was noted that the Inquiry was to be moved from Glenbervie House Hotel to the Park Hotel. It was noted that the statutory objectors had withdrawn their objections. It was discussed and agreed that the Community Council would prefer that the Public Inquiry remained as opposed to downgrading to a Public Hearing (Item 247). YW to advise Scottish Government accordingly. CA & BR will represent the Community Council at the Inquiry. The Inquiry is open to anyone to attend.
- In/08/239 - Mediation in the Planning System Seminars - No-one available to attend.
- In/08/241 - ASCC - Resourcing of Community Councils - Interim Report & Guidance. It was noted that the ASCC are collating evidence on funding of Community Council across Scotland. YW advised this had been passed for review to PD.
- In/08/242 - Digital UK invite - DS to attend.
- In/08/244 - E-mail from Frank McChord with contact details for Take the Right Route (Smarter Choices, Smarter Places project) and Communities Along the Carron projects. YW to arrange for attendance in November & January.
- In/08/245 - Request from Cllr Martin to assist residents with play facilities in Glenbervie Drive. The issues around Glenbervie Drive and play facilities in the area were discussed. It was noted that there are a number of areas of concern. A member of the public advised that Falkirk Council had advised there would be a review of all parks in the area. Councillor Carleschi confirmed a report had been submitted recently. It was agreed that YW would write to Falkirk Council requesting a copy of the report.
- In/08/246 - ASCC - Invitation to Community Council to attend Civic Society and Freedom of Information Seminar - No-one to attend.
- In/08/248 - Scottish Health Council - Contact Database - Updated information to be sent.
- In/08/249 - Falkirk Council - Invitation to Falkirk Community Planning Partnership Conference - BR to attend.
- In/08/251 - Liability Insurance and volunteer mileage rates. It was agreed that the

Community Council would pay 40p per mile to Community Councillors travelling by car on Community Council business.

- In/08/252 - E-mail from Larbert Village Primary School re safety of children - discussed under AOCB.

8. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's proposed budget was discussed.
- Questions were raised on inclusion of funding for McLaren Park and the project's budget. These will be raised with PD on his return from holiday.

Action: PD to clarify project's budget and inclusion of McLaren Park funding.

9. Planning Officer's Report

- BR circulated the Planning Officer's Report. There were no items requiring further action.

10. Other Reports

(a) Education - Co-Op scheme for green energy in schools:

- At the August meeting, it had been agreed that the Community Council would nominate Carron Primary School. However, it was since noted that this school does not fall within the Community Council area. As a result, it was agreed that Larbert Village would be a more suitable option for nomination particularly with current redevelopment proposals. It was agreed that EC would meet the Head Teacher to discuss further.

Action: EC to contact Head Teacher of Larbert Village

(b) Health Report:

- EC advised there was a dementia meeting next Tuesday at 12pm.
- EC advised that Forth Valley Health Board were putting forward 18 week tracking from initial GP referrals to treatment.
- EC advised that a Primary Care and Community Services Plan was being completed for the area.

(c) Town Centres & High Streets Consultation Event

- BR advised he had attended the Community Council event in Stirling to discuss issues in Town Centres and High Streets. The key points raised were that local Councils were not listening to points put forward by Community Councils and that many high streets were pre-dominantly made up of fast food, charity and betting shops. It was also discussed that there was no new industries moving into the town centres to bring increased business to the town centres.

11. AOCB

- Mr McAllum, the Vice Chair of Larbert Village Parent Council raised an issue over the safety of children attending the school. A number of key points were raised and discussed in relation to safety:
 1. Parking on the zigzags in Eastcroft Street
 2. The removal of the lollipop person at the Station Hotel
 3. The delay of traffic calming measures to Foundry Loan.
- It was agreed that the Community Council would write to the Director of Education in relation to the 3 hazards above. It was agreed that a letter would also be sent to the roads section in this regard.

Action: YW to write to Falkirk Council Education & Roads Departments

- Former Clydesdale Bank building in Stenhousemuir. It was noted that the building has not yet been demolished and that a decision is expected by 31 October 2008. If an appeal is lodged a final decision may be delayed until Spring 2009.

12. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be Wednesday 29 October 2008 at 7:15pm. Venue to be confirmed.
- Apologies were given in advance from JS & MO'R.